

JUNE/JULY MESSAGE FROM THE BLACK SHEEP SENIOR SQUADRON COMMANDER

June and July were also very slow months. We had the first meeting of June in the lobby of the Centennial Airport Tower and after the normal business and reports had a great presentation on land survival by **Captain Don Johnson**. The second meeting was held at TACAir Hanger 8 after which we were given a demonstration of a flight simulator system that has just opened for business in TACAir Hanger 9. **Major Steve Purcell** set up this very interesting activity.

The first meeting in July was very light, some of the major players were out of town. The second was a little more interesting. For those of you who didn't attend, **Major Denise Bruce** is back at the Academy and has opted to return to the Black Sheep.

The 2006 International Air Cadet Exchange sent 2 Canadians, 2 Japanese w/escort, and 2 cadets from The Netherlands w/escort to Colorado. They arrived on July 21st. Since 71N was back in the shop for another turbo repair, we were only able to furnish 46A to fly them to Leadville. **Captain Rick Simonds** volunteered to fly that mission. The IACE was also supported with 59X, 69X, and 76N.

I just received word from **Chaplain Captain Rourk** that the Buckley AFB Military Clothing Sales Store (MCSS) now has CAP rank insignias, ribbons and more in stock

STAFF

In addition to his regular duties as Public Affairs Officer, I have put **Captain Stan Losiewicz** on as an assistant Aerospace Education Officer. We still have a **vacant** Supply Officer position if anyone is interested. Congratulations to **Major Clyde "Sid" Altum**, our Moral Leadership Officer who completed his Masters Degree in Counseling. We also want to congratulate 1Lt Juan Carlos Madeni, who completed his Doctorate at Mines.

OPS/ES

Aircraft 46A is up and flying, 71N may have been returned today. Both seem to be right on line for meeting the 200 annual hours this Fiscal Year.

The Operations Staff and Stan/Eval are working on putting together a September SAREX at Buckley. The push is to get as many members trained in mission staff positions as possible. Highly recommend that all members attend the Guided SAREX, Operation Eagle, at Peterson AFB, 28-30 July 2006. Signing up as a mission staff is highly recommended.

Wing has two SAREX's scheduled before our SAREX and we hope that some of you, that are interested in mission participation, will attend those to get training in one of the many mission staff positions. Check the ES page of our web site, <http://cowg.cap.gov/blacksheep/ES.htm>, to select the SQTR or two that you might want to begin training in. Every effort will be made to get scanners and observers on at least one sortie.

TRAINING

1LT Jim Montgomery is investigating the possibility of conducting another AFIADL 13 clinic. If we do, **Major Gene Munson**, the group commander, has asked to open it up to other group 1 units. We will let you know what is decided.

PROMOTIONS/AWARDS

In May we promoted **2Lt Stan Losiewicz** to Captain due to his Professional Position as a University Professor and **SM Tyler Macmillan** to 1Lt as a health professional. **Lt Col Bob Beabout** received a Meritorious Service Award and a Commander's Commendation for his efforts during Hurricane Katrina and Rita. **Lt Col Bob Beabout, Lt Col Burke McClure, and Major Steve Purcell** received certificates for completing the 2006 check pilots school. **Captain Don Johnson** was promoted to Major after completion of Level III.

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